

## Cornhill Parent Council

Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 6pm

**Present** – Mark Evans, Vicky Low, Lyndsey Spiers, Monika Krakowska, Hechukioudie Annabele Nwannabuogwu, Oladipupo Afun-Ogidain, Neil and Wonder Copland, Diane Rough, Anna, Sian Edwards and Heather Mackintosh

<p><b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Diane welcomed everyone</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies</b></p> <p>Hazel Cameron, Nicola Watson and Helen Young.</p>	
<p><b>3. Head Teachers Report</b></p> <p>The school is very busy, p3 and p5 classes are full and p1-2 only have 3 spaces for new children. This has created significant needs. The p7s are the smallest year group, so the school size will rise next year, and we will be getting an extra class, up to 16 primary classes. The school is not losing funding, but there is a significant number of staff that will be going on maternity leave, two now, two in the summer and more in future. This will lead to compost classes, which creates lots of extra issues, although better for children, as classes are capped at 25 children.</p> <p>Sports day will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> June, weather permitting, this will be split into thirds of the school again. We understand this is not great for parents who have more than one child at the school, but with so many children there is no other way to hold it.</p> <p>CyberSafe, will be coming into school to talk to p6/7 pupils and all parents on the 9<sup>th</sup>. This is important as increasingly the fallout of what happens online impacts on school life. p4 this year were able to take part in the Big Sing at Duthie park. P6s got swimming at Aberdeen Sport Village, this was to make up for the them missing out during covid. RADs is still a phenomenal partner, helping with anything that the school needs.</p> <p>The Community Centre is getting up and running again.</p> <p>The last two trees have come down, due to Dutch elm disease, new trees will be planted later.</p> <p>The hedge need cut, and the school will be billed, this was questioned as other schools don't pay for this.</p> <p>We have a new active schools coordinator, the last one was not as good as Kim McRobbie, but she was very good, hopefully the school will have more after school activities available.</p> <p>Mr Evans is still expecting an inspection as this is now overdue.</p> <p>Everyone is looking forward to holding the IDL evening on the 30<sup>th</sup> may, where parents</p>	

<p>will be invited in the school for the evening.</p> <p>We talked about the schools Vision, Value's and Aims, Matthew thought that academic excellence had gotten lost, Mr Evans to look into this. Otherwise a positive reaction.</p>	ME																
<p><b>4. Treasurers Report</b></p> <p>£8,191.42 in the bank.</p> <p>This year we have paid for the p7 bus for their residential trip. Money has come in from discos, the Christmas fair, Aberdeen Council, and Christmas cards. Vicki's neighbour currently has the accounts to audit.</p>																	
<p><b>5. AGM</b></p> <table border="0" data-bbox="153 745 1023 891"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Nominee 1</td> <td>Nominee 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Diane</td> <td>Lyndsey Spiers</td> <td>Sian Edwards</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Vicky</td> <td>Sian Edwards</td> <td>Lyndsey Spiers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Heather</td> <td>Lyndsey Spiers</td> <td>Sian Edwards</td> </tr> </table> <p>We have some very good people on our parent council but we need new faces. How do we get new people? This is something that we need to concentrate on next years. What is the commitment? It might be putting people off. Heather to go to the P1 induction day, and tell new parents what we do. The last meeting Sian attended we talked about Neil taking Wonder into school as a therapet, and now this is a regular occurrence. Do we need to put out more information about what we do, and what we buy with the money raised.</p> <p>Diane read the constitution and everyone agreed there were no changes, Heather to update.</p>			Nominee 1	Nominee 2	Chair	Diane	Lyndsey Spiers	Sian Edwards	Treasurer	Vicky	Sian Edwards	Lyndsey Spiers	Secretary	Heather	Lyndsey Spiers	Sian Edwards	HM
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<p><b>5. Fundraising</b></p> <p>Heather to email everyone and ask for volunteers for the summer disco. Nicolas husband works for Tesco's and may be able to help get us free snacks for the disco. Heather to email Mark the Tesco contact, and the p7s will write them a letter. We currently have 430 children. After the meeting we need to check what we have under the stage so we know what to buy.</p> <p>Uniform, Heather to send out an email asking people to donate any school clothes that children have grown out of.</p> <p>Fundraising for next year. We will hold discos again, Halloween, Valentines and Summer. We also agreed to hold a Christmas fair as this is easy to organise and does not require many helpers. Last year the children raised money for their class from the Christmas fair and this was spent on a variety of things, the p7s banked their money for end of year activities, some classes have bought games or treats and others donated to a charity. Heather has agreed to organise the Christmas cards. We talked about holding a summer fair, but we will need more helpers to organise and man the stalls, we will put out a request at the start of the next academic year, but may have to cancel.</p> <p>The p7s might need some money to go towards their end of year activity. We have already agreed to pay the bus for the residential trip, which is £800. We agreed if the children</p>	HM																

<p>needed they could get up to £200, which is a round £1000.</p> <p>Heather read on a parent council What's App group that you needed a licence to hold a raffle. Heather to forward the details to Vicky to organise and pay.</p>	<p>HM &amp; VL</p>
<p><b>6. AOCB</b></p> <p>Lyndsey asked about piping tuition. The school is given an allocation of music tutors and the school can't request specific music tutors. We currently have no music teacher and this has caused lots of changes. Sian mentioned that her children are learning guitar, and they have an outstanding teacher.</p> <p>Diane sent a big Thank You to Mr Evans and all the staff for all there hard work this year it is appreciated.</p>	
<p><b>7. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September</p>	